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This policy has been in existence for close to 5 decades. Look at the profiles of BITS Pilani Alumni. Comparable to the top 3 IITs. Over 6400+ founders/co-founders of companies, 15 unicorn founders, over 7500 CEOs/VPs in large corporates, over 3500 faculty members in top institutions world over etc. With an acceptance rate of 2%, getting into BITS Pilani campuses is as tough as any old IIT. These are bright students and they have a choice. There are continuous assessments though. Also, the onus is on the faculty to be innovative and attract the students to class. Students can also select their teachers in BITS Pilani and make their own time table.

For Institutions like BITS Pilani, which have the credibility and attract such high quality students, this works fine. May not work for all.

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> The 'zero attendance policy' at BITS Pilani has always sparked much debate. It essentially means that students are not required to attend lectures and are evaluated solely through quizzes, assessments, and examinations.
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> While this is an unconventional approach to college education, it encourages students to manage their own time and channel their energy into entrepreneurial ventures, which might not be possible with a rigid schedule.
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> But a nationwide policy like this requires a significant shift in mindset for students, parents, and educators, as not all students may use this freedom wisely.
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> Do you think more colleges should adopt this approach, or should the traditional mandatory attendance policy remain? Tell us in the comments.
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Prof. V Ramgopal Rao Great to know about BITS at the same time BITS Ensure the Happiness, Harmony, Peace, Zero Stress, Zero Mental Health for Zero War. Hon. Modi ji told No War for Future Generation. So BITS also makes Zero Stress, Zero Mental Health. Everything is possible very easy, once Peace, Harmony, Happiness aligned with us. Thank you. Goddess Bless you.

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Students should attend classes in search of knowledge and for a healthy discussion not due to attendance.

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Yes

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The bonding between the teacher and the pupil is lost when "zero attendance policy" is touted in the name of digitalization. The "Guru-Shishya" tradition rooted in the Indian culture encourages constructive debate, evokes empathy and human touch, which cannot be matched by Generative AI or online digital learning. What will be the use of educational institutions and teachers then? The best way is to blend both traditional and modern teaching, rather than adopting a cosmetic approach towards learning and development.

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The zero attendance policy is misunderstood by many in BITS students. It means `if a student has less than some stipulated 70 or 80% attendance he/she will not be barred to sit in the examinations in a given semester. That does not mean that students will not attend the classes at all. That does not mean that course instructor will not take attendance. Actually,in first year a general basic background is prepared which is usual in all institutes, second year unwards stream specific background is prepared along with ample opportunity to choose elective courses to prepare one's career path. If student thinks that he/she may not attend the classes, how do they obtain the necessary background in his /her stream. Being matured, students should able to decide what is his/her priority, but very often a 12th standard kid will have difficulty in taking a right path and therefore at least one must attend all classes to build the background and matured

enough to chose his/her career path. That way BITS system is more flexible than the existing institutes in our country. Therefore, one must not misunderstand the zero attendance policy. I must say blindly following this will backfire.

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Interesting

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If you have a continuous assessment model, the risk of not attending a class is much higher than in regular assessment models.

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Another load of meaningless thoughts being thrown without much of substance

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I agree

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This is only anecdotal but I have noticed more founders and builders from relatively lower ranked engineering colleges in Kerala than the topmost ones. I think school cultures, alumni network, alternative options etc may be in play. I am just guessing here. This is worthy of a PhD exploration I guess.

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